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SUBJECT: FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF SENATE RESIGNS

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1. SENATOR CARLOS EVANS HAS RESIGNED AS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ARGENTINE SENATE, AND HIS RESIGNATION WAS ACCEPTED LAST NIGHT BY THE SENATE. AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL, EVAN'S POSITION WAS RENDERED UNTENABLE BY THE FACT THAT HE HAD OPPOSED THE OVERWHELMING VERTICALISTA MAJORITY IN THE SENATE AND HAD VOTED IN JULY NOT TO ELECT A NEW PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE. THE MAJORITY VIEW WAS SUSTAINED AND PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT--LUDER-- WAS ELECTED; AND THAT OFFICER IS NOW THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA. DESPITE SOME CLAIMS TO THE CONTRARY, THE FACT WAS THAT THE MAJORITY OF SENATORS REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE EVANS AS THE PRESIDING OFFICER IN THAT BODY.

2. SEN ALEJANDRO DIAZ BIALET DID NOT TAKE THE GAVEL, HOWEVER, AS HAD AT ONE POINT APPEARED LIKELY; RATHER, AMERICO GARCIA, THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, RETURNED FROM HIS SICK LEAVE AND HAS BEEN PRESIDING FOR THE PAST TEN DAYS OR SO.

3. APPARENTLY THE ELECTION OF A NEW FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE WILL BE POSTPONED AT LEAST UNTIL THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF CONGRESS BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

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